(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कौन से कारण थे जिनकी वजह से सरकार को ऐसा निर्णय लेना पड़ा और इस निर्णय का उनके मंत्रालय पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त):** (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**बिहार में प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत प्राप्त आवेदन-पत्र**

1258. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1996-97 में बिहार राज्य में प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवकों से 1996-97 के दौरान स्व-रोजगार हेतु कितने आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए और कितने आवेदन-पत्र स्वीकृत किए गए;

(ख) क्या इस योजना के अन्तर्गत ऋण स्वीकृत किए जाने के मामले में शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच भेदभाव किया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) गत वर्ष के दौरान इस योजना के अन्तर्गत बिहार के लिए अधिकतम कितनी ऋण-राशि स्वीकृत की गई; और

(ङ) वर्ष 1998-99 में कितनी ऋण-राशि स्वीकृत करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त):** (क) राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवकों से स्व-रोजगार के लिए जिला उद्योग केन्द्रों में 58,714 आवेदन प्राप्त हुये थे तथा वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान बिहार राज्य में बैंकों द्वारा 18,818 आवेदन स्वीकृत किये गये थे।

(ख) और (ग) ग्रामीण तथा शहरी क्षेत्रों के बीच ऋण आवेदनों को स्वीकृत करने में बैंकों द्वारा दर्शाए गए भेद-भाव के बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है, जैसा कि भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है।

(घ) बिहार राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार 1997-98 के दौरान राज्य में स्वीकृत किया गया औसत ऋण लगभग 80,000/- रु० है। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत 1 लाख रु० तक की लागत वाली परियोजना आती है।

(ङ) वर्ष 1998-99 के लिये बिहार का प्रस्तावित लक्ष्य 20,500 लाभार्थी हैं।

**Growth Centre in Assam**

1259. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of growth centre, to be set up in Assam;

(b) the amount allocated and location finalised; and

(c) the progress of work?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) Three Growth Centres have been allotted to the State of Assam. Of these, two Growth Centres i.e. Chariduar (district Sonitput) and Matia (district Goalpara) were approved in 1997. The State Government is yet to submit a project report in respect of the third Growth Centre where a change in site for the Growth Centre is contemplated by the State Government.

The progress made in respect of the approved growth centres upto 31st March, 1998, is as under:—

*(Rs. in lakhs)*

| Name of growth centre | Central releases | State release | Total Expenditure |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chariduar | 50.00 | 05.00 | 17.00 |
| Matia | 50.00 | Nil | 15.00 |

**Loans to SC/ST under PMRY**

1260. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons belonging to SC/ST community have been provided with loans under the PM Rojgar Yojana; and

(b) how many persons belonging to SC/ST community doing the work of scavengers have been rehabilitated during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana of the Ministry of Industry, loans are facilitated to educated unemployed youth, as per the eligibility criteria laid down under the scheme. As per reports available from States/UTs, 59004 SC/ST beneficiaries have been provided loans since inception of the scheme.

(b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana loans are facilitated to educated unemployed youths. Self-employment is the primary objective of the scheme, though some scavengers may get rehabilitated. However, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under their Scheme of Rehabilitation of Scavengers rehabilitated 60565 scavengers in 1996-97. By and large scavengers belong to the Scheduled castes. In some areas/pockets, scavengers do not belong to the scheduled caste community, but their number is very small.

**Disputes under arbitration in PSUs**

1261. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of disputes under arbitration in various Public Sector Undertakings, Undertaking-wise, as on 31st March, 98;

(b) total number of cases decided during the year 1994-95 and awards implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that backlog of arbitration cases and cases of outstanding disputed claims are mounting every year and have assumed serious proportion;

(d) whether the problem of settling outstanding dispute/claims expeditiously has been considered in all its aspects and a regular body of experts is proposed to be set up for speedy disposal of claims/cases; and

(e) the details of proposals under consideration/finalised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) As on 31.3.98 there are total 33 commercial disputes in Permanent Machinery of Arbitrators in Deptt. of Public Enterprises between various Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) During the year 1994-95, seven cases were decided.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) At present there is no proposal to set up any other regular body of experts for settling the disputes between PSUs.

**Cost overrun of PSUs**

1262. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost overrun of PSUs on account of rise in input costs mainly oil, coal and freight traffic; and

(b) whether Government had visualised this cost overrun before formulating the planning?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) The Central Sector projects are approved at estimated costs corresponding to the price level existing in the year of approval. As on December, 1997, 454 projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above, monitored by the Government, had a total cost overrun of Rs. 21,063 crores including cost overrun on account of rise in input costs of oil, coal and freight traffic as also other factors with respect to their latest approved cost of Rs. 1,46,168 crores.

(b) The increase in cost during the period of construction due to cost escalation including rise in input costs on account of oil, coal, freight traffic and other factors depending upon the nature of a project is visualised by the project authorities and they are included in the revised cost estimates of projects.